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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately following the title, insert the following;

--This application is a continuation of international application no. PCT/EP99/03790, filed May 31, 1999 the contents of which are fully incorporated by reference herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 8 without prejudice to the subject matter involved.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, kindly replace "either claim 1 or claim 2" with ---claim 1---;

In claim 4, line 1, kindly replace "any one of claims 1 to 3" with ---claim 1---;

In claim 5, line 2, kindly replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with ---claim 1---; and

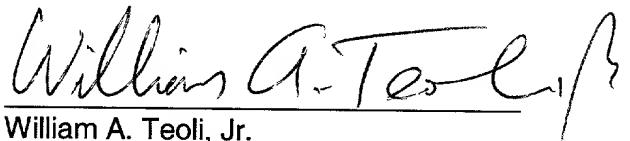
In claim 7, line 2, kindly replace "any one of claims 1 to 4" with ---claim 1---.

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claim 8, without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file new claims to the subject matter of the cancelled claim in this application or in applications claiming the benefit hereof. Applicant has also amended all multiply dependent claims. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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